

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al)
Serial No.: 09/544,801)
Filed: April 7, 2000)
Art Unit: 2826)
Examiner: Fazli Erdem)
Confirmation No: 1717)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR FABRICATING THE SAME)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of cited US patent and US patent application publications are not submitted herewith.

ENTRY AND CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), this IDS shall be considered by the Patent Office as it is being filed before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by the fee set forth in §1.17(p).

REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

The Chinese and British references disclosed herein were first cited in any communication by a foreign patent office (i.e. by the Chinese Patent Office) in counterpart Chinese application no. 200610103002.9, in an Office Action mailed to Applicants on May 23, 2008, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. European patent no. EP 0697714 submitted herein is a family member of a cited reference, and is being included for the Examiner's benefit.

The family of CN 1123465 cited herein includes:
EP Patent no. 0 697 714 A1

The family of GB 2 243 948 cited herein includes:
US Patent no. 5,245,207 *

* (Not cited in 5/23/2008 CN Office Action and previously submitted & entered in this case)

No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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in the document is necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor, that any disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that any disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

FEE

In accordance with §1.17(p), Applicants are submitting the required fee. If any further fee is necessary for this IDS, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

CONCLUSION

As the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97(d) have been met, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner now enter and consider this IDS.

Respectfully submitted,



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